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SPECIAL TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of special trains run by the Railways for tackling the passengers rush during the festivals and other occasions in each State of the country during the last three years and current year as on date;

(b) the details of the benefits accrued to the passengers and profits or loss earned by the Railways by running these special trains;

(c) whether the Railways are aware that the performance of the special trains are not satisfactory due to disparity in their operation and the schedule; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) :The number of special trains run during last three years i.e. during 2004-05,2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto September, 2007) are as under:

Year	Special trains run (in number of trips)
2004-05	5432
2005-06	13902
2006-07	15432
2007-08 (upto September,2007)	2822

However, planning of special trains is not state-wise. It depends upon pattern of traffic, operational feasibility and availability of the coaching stock.

(b): This data is not maintained.

(c) and (d): Instructions are issued to Zonal Railways from time to time to ensure and monitor the punctuality of all the services including special trains. However, on some specific occasions due to Alarm Chain Pulling, Agitations, bad weather and other unforeseen circumstances, punctuality of these trains get affected. However, overall punctuality of special trains are satisfactory.